

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENTO JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this year's Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League's (JACL) high school scholarship recipients. As the members of the Sacramento JACL, the student's and their families gather to celebrate, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing these deserving young men and women.

Each year, the JACL provides scholarships to a select group of high school students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and achievement, as well as community service and a desire to pursue higher education. This year, five outstanding students will receive scholarships provided by dedicated members of JACL, VFW Post 8985, and the community. This year, Kiyomi A. Sun is receiving the Harry and Kinu Masaki Memorial Scholarship and the Nisei VFW Post 8985 Scholarship. Allie T. Umemoto is receiving the Kiyoto and Rika Kawakami Memorial Scholarship, and the Noboru and Akiko May Shirai Memorial Scholarship. Kyle W. W. Kawakami is receiving the Fumio Jesse and Kiyoko Miyao Memorial Scholarship and The Nikkei Singles Club Scholarship. Cody M. Kurahara the Harry and Kinu Masaki Memorial Scholarship and the Nisei VFW Post 8985 Scholarship. And last but not least, Nozomi M. Schmooch is receiving the Sacramento JACL Chapter Scholarship.

The Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League is dedicated to protecting communities affected by bigotry and injustice as well as advancing the civil rights of all Americans. It also helps to guide the Japanese American community to further social and economic equality. I trust that the students being recognized will carry this tradition forward to protect and help fight for the civil rights of all of our citizens and remain engaged in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, as these students are being honored by the Japanese American Citizens League members, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them success in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT ERIC SOSSOMAN'S SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE CABARRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Eric Sossoman for his 28

years of service with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Growing up in Cabarrus County, Sergeant Sossoman always had a profound sense of duty to his hometown. In 1989, he began his career at the Sheriff's Department, starting in communications the very day Hurricane Hugo ripped through our state. Since then, Sergeant Sossoman has held many positions with the Sheriff's Department, including the Civil Division where he became the Department's first Social Services officer, the Crime Prevention Division, Recruitment and Retention Division and as a member of the SWAT team.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Sossoman has exhibited unwavering commitment to our community and we are fortunate to have had him as a leader for all these years. Some of the many notable accomplishments during his career include bringing back the Crime Stoppers program, which was so successful that he was named the President of the North Carolina Association of Crime Stoppers, and coordinating the county's annual Law Day, which honors fallen officers from Cabarrus County, the state and nationwide.

It is my hope that Sergeant Sossoman will enjoy his retirement and remain a role model for all those he helped over the years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of Sergeant Eric Sossoman for his service to our community. We all wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life in retirement.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE BY REVEREND DR. AMOS C. BROWN

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride today to join my beloved city in recognizing the 40th Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Amos C. Brown as the pastor of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco and honoring his lifetime of moral leadership, political activism and spiritual guidance.

Born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, Reverend Brown's history of activism and his deep involvement in the civil rights movement began at an early age. He was only a teenager when he assumed leadership of his local NAACP chapter and was driven cross-country to San Francisco by activist Medgar Evers to meet the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Later, Brown attended Morehouse College where he was hand-selected by King as one of his eight students, inspiring him to seek a lifetime of service on behalf of civil rights and social justice. He was arrested together with Dr. King during a lunch counter sit-in Atlanta department store, and became one of the fearless Freedom Riders in 1961.

Brown received both a Mastery of Divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary and a Doc-

tor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. Our city was fortunate to welcome the Pastor and his beloved wife Jane Smith Brown in 1976, when they made San Francisco their home and the Third Baptist Church their place of worship and leadership.

Brown's vision of the church as a holy place of prayer, and also a place of civic engagement and social action, transformed the Third Baptist Church into a congregation at the forefront of the fight for civil rights. His unwavering belief in future generations drove the church to establish a summer school program, an after-school academic enrichment program, "Back on Track", and the Charles A. Tindley Academy of Music.

Brown's influence also extended beyond his local community when the church sponsored 80 children from Tanzania to receive heart surgery in the United States, and his congregation sponsored more African refugees than any other local congregation in the nation. This global reach and visionary leadership was recognized when Brown was appointed as a delegate to the 2001 United Nations Conference on Race and Intolerance in Durban, South Africa, representing the National Board of the NAACP.

Closer to home, Brown was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Ministerial Award for outstanding leadership and contributions to the Black Church in America and he was inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the King International Chapel at Morehouse College. He has served as the president of the NAACP Branch in San Francisco, as a San Francisco Community College Trustee and as a San Francisco County Supervisor.

A passionate fighter and voice for the most vulnerable in our community, Reverend Amos Brown has served as a source of change, strength and faith for 40 years. I congratulate him, along with his wife Jane and his children Amos C. Brown Jr., David Josephus and Kizzie Marie, on this milestone celebration and extend my best wishes as he continues to lead and inspire our community.

HONORING THE CRANE FAMILY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard, Cindy and Jennifer Crane for receiving the annual Leadership in Agriculture Award from the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber.

Richard Hope Crane arrived in California in 1849 as part of the great California Gold Rush. A few years later, the family settled in Santa Rosa. They built Crane Melon Barn on Petaluma Hill Road in 1868. The Barn is made entirely of redwood and has survived several major earthquakes with no damage. Richard's son, Oliver, developed and began selling Crane Melons out of the Barn in the 1920's.

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Today, the Crane family owns and operates Crane Canyon Ranch, The Crane Melon Barn and Crane Vineyard. In addition to their famous Crane Melons, the family ranch sells watermelons, heirloom tomatoes, Crane Melon Honey, organic Sonoma County walnuts and metal sculptures by Richard. Crane Vineyard is a four-acre pinot noir vineyard on the ranch. Rick and Jennifer are fifth and sixth generation Sonoma County farmers.

The Crane family are active members of our community, with members serving on the Sonoma County Fair Board, Harvest Fair Board, Farm Bureau, 4-H Foundation Board and Farm Trails.

The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber has recognized long-standing leadership in the community and successful maintenance of agricultural enterprises with its Leadership in Agriculture Award for over forty years. The Crane family is very deserving of this award. They work hard to develop excellent produce, serve our community, and maintain the great tradition of family farming in Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, the Crane family has been farming in Sonoma County for six generations. They are leaders in sustainable farming and contribute honorably to our community. I am proud to have such a hardworking family living in our District. It is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS AF-  
FECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to report to the House on Hurricane Harvey, the historic storm that has devastated the Gulf Coast and my city of Houston, Texas.

As a senior member and a resident of the city of Houston, I was there and witnessed the devastation that the storm wrought.

Hurricane Harvey has declared war on America's Gulf Coast, and as Americans, we must respond.

We will need emergency supplemental appropriations for Southeast Texas, and the Houston metroplex, to provide support to local, state, and federal government agencies in assisting with flood remediation, recovery, victim services, and reconstruction following the catastrophic damage caused by historic flooding.

So far, Harvey has dumped an estimated 11 trillion gallons of water in the Houston area.

The relentless rain has inundated homes, decimated area roadways and turned neighborhoods into unrecognizable lakes.

Large portions of the Bayou City have been overwhelmed by rainfall amounts that occur only once in every thousand years.

To comprehend the level of destruction, the volume of water that has fallen could fill the Astrodome more than 24 thousand times over and power Niagara Falls for 15 days.

The disastrous events this week have been punctuated by the tragic loss of life.

In Houston, at least 44 people have lost their lives, including veteran police officer Sgt. Steve Perez, 60, who had worked for 34 years with the Houston Police Department.

Sgt. Perez was trying to serve and protect others when he was swept away by the rising waters.

Sgt. Perez, who worked in the traffic enforcement division, left home around 4 a.m. Sunday to drive to his duty station downtown but could not find a path because flooding caused by tropical storm Harvey had made many roads impassable.

A family of six attempting to flee their home perished when their vehicle was swept into Greens Bayou.

Samuel "Sammy" Saldivar was driving east-bound on Green River Road near John Ralston Road Sunday when rising water in Greens Bayou overcame the van.

Sammy was travelling with his elderly parents, Manuel Saldivar, 84, and Belia, 81.

Also in the van were the great-grandchildren of his parents: Daisy Saldivar, 6, Xavier Saldivar, 8, Dominic Saldivar, 14, and Devy Saldivar, 16.

A Neither Houston nor any city in the nation has ever experienced flooding of this magnitude.

Our valiant emergency responders are over-taxed and citizen rescues have become a critical source of assistance in saving lives.

So far the Coast Guard alone has saved more than 6,000 Lives in Houston.

At times like this, I am so proud to be an American and to call Houston home.

We are a close community that comes together to overcome any challenge that stands in our way.

Mr. Speaker, this is why we need Congress and the President to provide immediate emergency funding and resources commensurate with the crisis at hand, and that means a minimum of \$150 billion is needed now and much more later.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of all those who perished in Hurricane Harvey.

HONORING MS. LEE PAULSEN

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lee Paulsen, the Honorary Grand Marshal for the 56th Annual Labor Day Parade in Newtown, Connecticut. Since 1962, this annual celebration has brought together the people of Newtown and western Connecticut, and this year's organizers invited Lee to head the parade in recognition of her decades of selfless work to help those most in need in our community.

Lee moved to Newtown in 1972 with her family, and she quickly became known among her neighbors for her generosity. She has worked at the FAITH Food Pantry since its inception in 1983, and her efforts have been instrumental in keeping its doors open to those in need through economic downturns, the relocation of the food pantry, and other challenges facing the organization.

Her neighbors in Newtown know Lee for her kindness, humility, and sincere commitment to helping others. Those who work with Lee note that she does not seek recognition or attention, but nonetheless, everyone knows Lee as an inspiring and altruistic person. The Labor Day Parade's fitting theme, Labor of Love, this year recognizes Lee's decades of work and encourages all of us to reflect on how we can

contribute to our community. Lee sets a remarkable example as a caring citizen, and she has made Newtown a more generous and welcoming place through her years of work at FAITH.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Paulsen has been a leading member of our community who shares her time and knowledge to help those in need in Newtown. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today, and thank her for inspiring others to engage in a Labor of Love.

L. RAFAEL REIF AND THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 1, 2017*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the powerful words of L. Rafael Reif, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals." Mr. Reif notes MIT's commitment to intellectual excellence, merit, and national service in support of DACA. He is himself a proud naturalized citizen of the United States.

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TRUMP SHOULD NOT REPEAL DACA

(By L. Rafael Reif)

President Trump is reportedly considering a repeal of "DACA," the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The immediate pressure: a threat of legal action by a number of states to end the program, which sets a Sept. 5 deadline for the White House to act.

As the president of one of America's leading technical universities—an institution built on intellectual excellence, a meritocratic openness to talent, and a long tradition of national service—I believe repealing DACA would be a mistake. Repeal would be no more than a rejection of a policy and of thousands of human beings. Repeal is not, however, a solution for the country or for the young people directly involved. I strongly urge the president and Congress to find a path that better serves us all.

Created in 2012 by executive action, DACA addresses the problem of young people brought to this country without documentation when they were under 16, a group sometimes known as Dreamers. DACA invites them to declare themselves openly to the government. In return, provided that they meet strict criteria, such as having earned a high school diploma, being enrolled in higher education or engaged in the military, and having committed no serious crime, DACA allows them a Social Security number, a driver's license, authorization to work—and perhaps above all, relief from the fear of being deported. DACA is not a path to permanent citizenship; it grants a temporary but renewable opportunity for a normal life. And it applies only to the fixed pool of those who were brought to the US as children before June 2007.

Repeal would run counter to our national interest in at least two ways. First, it would remove productive workers from our economy, while costing the US government tens of billions in lost future tax revenues and the direct costs of deportation. And because Dreamers are, by definition, products of the US education system, driving them out would be throwing away a tremendous national investment. We should treat these